IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor:	Bernard TENEZE et al.	Art Unit 2613
Appln. No.:	10/516,538	Exr. D. Dobson
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For:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICAL LINK WITH LASER PULSES	

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated August 25, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the following remarks.

Claims 8-10 stand rejected, under 35 USC § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Knapp (US 6,880,467) in view of Hannan et al. (US 3,371,232), Horblin (US 4,216,520), publication "Pulsed Laser Flashlamps and Power Supplies" (PLF), and publication "Intensity: the Inverse Square Law" (Intensity). Claim 11 stands rejected, under 35 USC § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Knapp in view of Hannan, Horblin, PLF, Intensity, and Christiansen et al. (US 002/0181055). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections with the following remarks.

Claim 8 defines a method for producing an optical link that locates a body moving at constant speed away from a locating device. According to this method, once the moving body has departed, a capacitor is successively charged with pulses, whose durations are a linearly increasing function of time, and the capacitor is discharged through an emitter to produce laser